1. INTRODUCTION

The Barang-barang language[1] is spoken in the village of Barang-barang, *Desa* Lowa, on the southern tip of the island of Selayar in South Sulawesi. It is estimated that there are approximately 500 speakers of Barang-barang. Although the endonym for the village district as well as the language is [Loə?], both are generally referred to by outsiders as either Lowa, Loa, Loa', or Barang-barang. The name Barang-barang is used throughout this paper in order to be consistent with published references.[2]

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